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lands, too, cancer has considerably increased. In the year 1874 there died among each 100,000 inhabitants 49 from this disease; in the year 1897, 91—that is to say, more than 80 per cent more. In Switzerland the increase of cancerous disease has been terrible and continues to advance; among each 100,000 of the population there died from cancer in the year 1889, 114.4, and in the year 1898 as many as 132.4.

In the United States similar conditions exist. In the State of New York, for example, the cases of cancer increased from 2,473 in the year 1888 to 4,117 in the year 1897. In Massachusetts there died of cancer in the year 1856, per 100,000 inhabitants, males, 12.9; females, 24.5; in the year 1895, however, 44 and 94.4.

FRANK H. MASON,  
*United States Consul-General.*

#### HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

##### *Report of quarantine on outgoing vessels.*

HONOLULU, H. I., April 6, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to report the outgoing quarantine transactions at this station for the week ended April 5, 1902, as follows: Number of steamers inspected and passed, 2; number of sailing vessels inspected and passed, 4; number of cabin passengers inspected and passed, 12; number of steerage passengers inspected and passed, none; number of crew inspected and passed, 93; number of pieces of baggage disinfected, 43; number of sailing vessels disinfected, 2.

Respectfully,

L. E. COFER,  
*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,  
Chief Quarantine Officer, Hawaii.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

##### *Monthly report of quarantine transactions in the Hawaiian Islands.*

HONOLULU, H. I., April 8, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit the following report of quarantine transactions in the Hawaiian Islands for the month of March, 1902:

#### PORT OF HONOLULU.

Number of vessels inspected—	
From foreign ports.....	15
From domestic ports.....	33
Number of crew inspected.....	3,136
Number of passengers inspected—	
Cabin.....	1,147
Steerage and stowaways.....	4,885
Number of sick in detention from last month.....	0
Number in detention from last month.....	0
Number of sick in detention for this month.....	0
Number in detention for this month.....	1,674
Number of pieces of baggage disinfected.....	1,600
Number of packages of freight disinfected.....	1
Number of vaccinations.....	135

#### PORT OF HILO.

Number of vessels inspected.....	6
Number of crew inspected.....	81
Number of passengers inspected.....	91
Vessels remanded.....	0

## PORT OF KAHULUI.

Number of vessels inspected.....	3
Number of crew inspected.....	29
Number of passengers inspected.....	6
Vessels remanded.....	0

## PORT OF KIHUL.

Number of vessels inspected.....	0
Number of crew inspected.....	0
Number of passengers inspected.....	0
Vessels remanded.....	0

## PORT OF LAHAINA.

Number of vessels inspected.....	1
Number of crew inspected.....	13
Number of passengers inspected.....	0
Vessels remanded.....	0

## PORT OF KOLOA.

Number of vessels inspected.....	1
Number of crew inspected.....	14
Number of passengers inspected.....	0
Vessels remanded.....	0

Respectfully,

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## JAPAN.

*Report from Yokohama—Plague in Formosa.*

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, April 3, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith an abstract of the bills of health issued at this port during the week ended March 29, 1902.

There were inspected 4 ships with 403 crew, 66 cabin and 886 steerage passengers. Four hundred and forty-two persons were bathed and their baggage disinfected.

A recent report from Formosa states that during the month of March there occurred in that island 456 cases of plague and 346 deaths.

During the past week there were in Yokohama, typhoid fever, 3 cases, 1 death; diphtheria, 1 case, and 1 death, and dysentery, 3 cases.

Respectfully,

J. SPENCER HOUGH,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

## MEXICO.

*Sanitary reports from Vera Cruz.*

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, April 8, 1902.

SIR: Referring to the sanitary condition of this city and port since March 1, ultimo, I have the honor to report as follows:

The health of the city has been in general satisfactory, no infectious or contagious disease having developed in an epidemic form. Among the shipping in the harbor no quarantinable disease has been observed